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Hip-hop's biggest star takes on Philly

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Nutter to announce
two-day festival
this morning
► 'Made in America'
concert rumored to
be held over Labor
Day weekend

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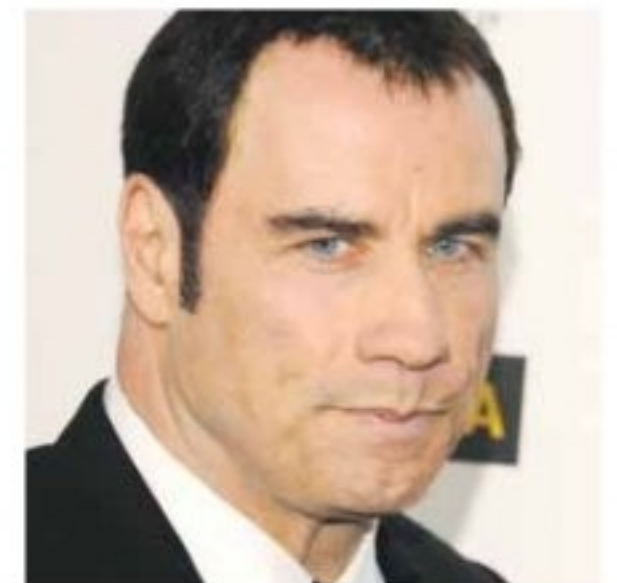


► The most successful rapper in the last two decades will make his announcement on the steps of the Philadelphia Art Museum.

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In the news

Driver pummeled after car crash

A man was pulled from his vehicle and pummeled Saturday evening after he drove onto a sidewalk and slammed into two 11-year-old twins, according to reports. The incident happened on North Ninth Street. The driver, 58, required medical attention after neighbors reportedly observed that he was under the influence and said it appeared he was going to flee.

In the news



Teen grazed

A 17-year-old girl was grazed in the head by a bullet after she was caught in the crossfire of a shooting Saturday night, police said. Family members were gathered in the yard of their home on the 1400 block of North Franklin Street when gunfire erupted around 9:45 p.m. As the family ran inside their home, they found that the teen was bleeding.

Snapshots of the grime

► Photographer gains prominence by shooting city's destitute ► After recognition from London to TIME, he takes Metro through Kensington

While cruising Kensington Avenue in his black sedan, photo-journalist and creator of the blog Kensington Blues Jeffrey Stockbridge spots a prostitute he shot this winter and pulls over to the curb. The slender blond woman recognizes him immediately and jumps up, excited to see the prints.

Things have not been going so well for her since they last talked, she says. It's Mother's Day and business is slow. She's been drinking a lot and shooting three bags of cocaine at a time. Area dealers have been spiking the drug with Lidocaine, which crystallizes in injectors' veins and must be pulled from the skin like shards of glass.

Over the past few months, the woman has spent time in jail, discovered the body of her roommate and moved in with her pimp, who she speaks of with both fear and admiration. "He's the only family I have," she says.

The young woman recently

moved back from New Jersey, where she made better money — on the Avenue, the going rate is just \$20 to \$30 per trick — because drugs are more plentiful here.

"Are we taking more pictures today?" she asks, striking a pose in front of a graffiti-laden wall. Stockbridge loads slides of film into his 4-by-5 camera and snaps away.

Soon other curious onlookers gather, some wondering what's going on, many wanting to be included. Stockbridge records a down-on-his-luck man who washes car windows, an elderly lifer who has dreams of buying a house in Port Richmond and a young man blaring music from his convertible.

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Only beauty makes for 'dull place'

KENSINGTON. Perhaps it's the window into universal societal ills that explains the widespread appeal of Stockbridge's work documenting the daily struggle, which has been making waves from



► These twins are among Stockbridge's many portraits.

London galleries to Time Magazine. Photo vignettes of stick-thin women and grizzled men, arms pocked by scabs and needle marks, accompany audio transcriptions or scribbled journal entries chronicling life stories in their own words.

"The human condition, in my opinion, is being able to feel compassion for another person. It's about feeling

united to people from all different walks of life, from all different backgrounds," Stockbridge said.

"I find it interesting to see how everybody makes it, how everybody gets by. I photograph things I'm interested in, things I want to learn about. If people were only interested in models or beautiful women, the world would be a dull place."

Naked, wrapped body discovered near church

NEW JERSEY. The naked body of an unidentified woman was found wrapped in a sheet early yesterday morning near a church in the troubled city of Camden, according to reports.

A pastor at Fresh Oil Missionary Baptist Church in South Camden noticed a commotion on the street near the

49 Murders in Camden in 2011, which was the highest total since 2008 when there were 54 slayings.

church as he arrived to prepare for the Sunday services, ABC6 reported. ● METRO



22-year-old female's body found in Juniata

JUNIATA PARK. A passer-by made a grisly discovery early Saturday morning when they stumbled across a decomposed woman's body.

Police yesterday identified the woman as Melanie Colon, 22. She was found in a wooded area on the 4700 block of Maple Lane shortly before 6

a.m. Colon was reportedly last seen Tuesday getting into a 1983 gold Mazda on the 2400 block of Reese Street with Reynaldo Torres.

Torres has also been reported missing. The car was later found abandoned on the 100 block of West Rockland Street. ● METRO/AW



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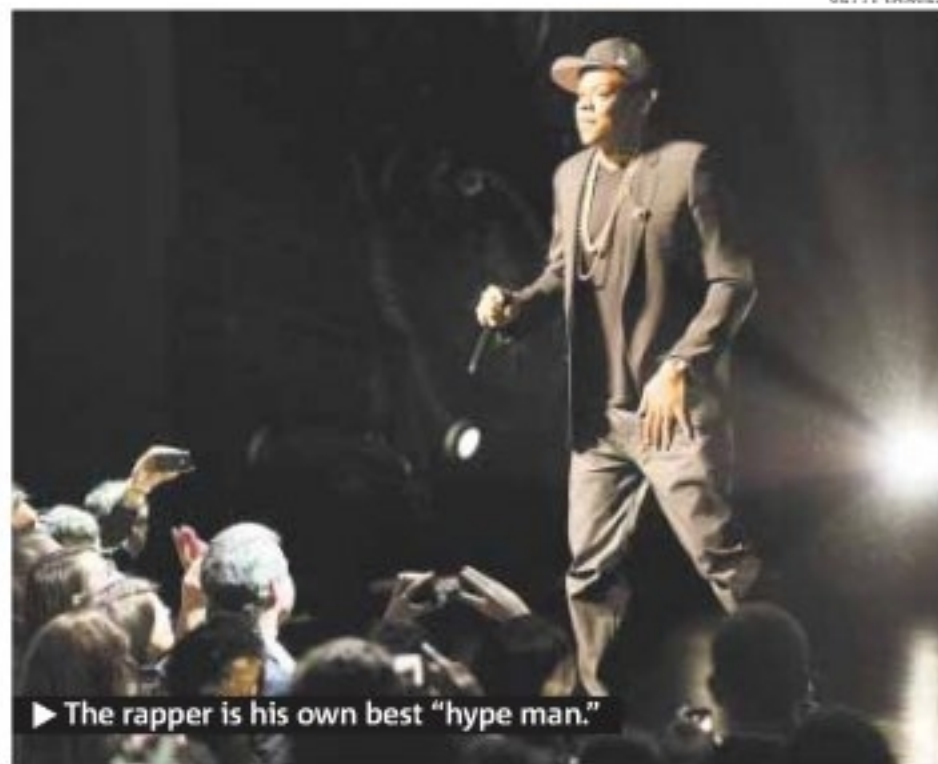
Jay-Z, Mayor Nutter expected to hype music fest

By now, everybody's heard the news — Mayor Michael Nutter is making a "major announcement" this morning on the Art Museum steps with none other than Jay-Z. Yes, that Jay-Z.

While public relations agents and city spokespeople remained tight lipped yesterday regarding the exact details to what will come out of the press conference on the famous front steps to the Philadelphia Art Museum, speculation began in earnest.

Rumor has it they will tout a multi-day music festival called "Made in America" during Labor Day weekend, which is the first weekend in September. Dan Gross of philly.com first reported the festival Saturday night. Other blogs have since reported similar rumors. While Gross did not mention exactly where the festival would be held, the Mann Center in Fairmount Park and the Ben Franklin Parkway in front of the art museum are two leading possibilities.

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► The rapper is his own best "hype man."

Video suggests Philly concert

Fueling speculation about a music festival called "Made in America" is a 24-second online video the rapper posted on his website Friday around the same time publicists sent out cryptic PR e-mails promiss-

ing a "major announcement" today.

The video montage begins with images of downtown Philadelphia, including City Hall and Broad Street. Then, clips of cheering concert crowds and a microphone and turntable quickly flash before the words "Made in America" appear. ● **METRO/BXM**

Ruminations

In absence of definitive answers, Metro couldn't resist kicking around some conspiracy theories. Here are some alternative possibilities we're submitting for your consideration:

- 1 After years of rumors, Jay-Z will finally confirm that he is a card-carrying member of the mysterious Illuminati elite and that, with Nutter's support (he is a Freemason, after all), Philadelphia will be the first city taken over by the New World Order.
- 2 Nutter will announce that, in light of the recent city-wide financial deficits and budget squabbling, he's fed up with politics and is reviving his "Mixmaster" Mike persona by signing to Jay's Roc-a-fella Records.
- 3 Nutter will appoint Jay-Z the city's first ever Deputy Mayor of Hip-Hop. Hey, there seems to be a deputy mayor of everything else.
- 4 Jay-Z will tell the world he's buying the entire city of Philadelphia. He's probably rich enough.
- 5 Jay-Z will announce he is stepping in and saving the city's ailing educational system by, again, buying the entire thing. All facilities will be renamed "Jay-Z's [insert neighborhood name] School of Hard Knocks." ● **METRO/AW**

News in pictures

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- 1 More than 40,000 people took part in Philadelphia's 22nd annual Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure along the Schuylkill River.
- 2 The Philadelphia Art Museum's front steps served as the meeting spot for thousands who walked the route, which included Martin Luther King Drive.
- 3 Organizers said 100,000 spectators joined the participants. The total raised was not yet available last night.



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Water safe in town of 'Gasland' fame

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said drinking water is safe to consume in a small Pennsylvania town that has attracted national attention after residents complained about hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, for natural gas.

The EPA has completed testing water at 61 homes in Dimock, Susquehanna County, where residents have complained since 2009 of cloudy, foul-smelling water after Cabot Oil & Gas Corp. drilled for gas nearby.

"This set of sampling did not show levels of contaminants that would give EPA reason to take further action," Roy Seneca, a spokesman for the regional EPA office, said about the final set of data released Friday.

Dimock became ground zero for the debate about fracking after Josh Fox, the director



of Oscar-nominated 2010 documentary called "Gasland," visited the town and met residents who feared their water was contaminated by the drilling. Techniques including fracking have revolutionized the U.S. natural gas industry by giving companies access to vast new reserves that could supply the country's demand

for 100 years, according to the industry.

Environmental and health groups, however, say that some fracking operations near homes and schools pollute land and water. The agency found one well in the last batch of data that contained methane, a main component of natural gas. Seneca would not say what the agency thought the source of that methane was, but said the agency will conduct a review of the data. Residents have complained that methane could be from fracking, but industry groups say methane can occur naturally in wells in energy-rich areas.

Over the course of the EPA tests that have been released since mid-March, contaminants were found in some wells. But the EPA said those levels were safe. **REUTERS**

Economy. Capitol mess



Harrisburg gets outside help

Harrisburg is trying to work through more than \$320 million of debt incurred by cost overruns from the upgrade of the city's incinerator. The lack of an official receiver since March has added fuel to an already combustible situation. A city councilman last week called for the mayor to resign. **REUTERS**

Lawmaker must report to prison: Judge

PENNSYLVANIA. A judge denied a request by former Democratic House leader William DeWeese to delay his prison term for using state employees to campaign for him for free.

In rejecting the request, Dauphin County Judge Todd Hoover ordered DeWeese, 62, to surrender to the state Department of Corrections on Monday as previously scheduled to begin serving his 30-

to 60-month sentence for corruption.

One of Pennsylvania's most influential politicians, DeWeese ran

unopposed in the Pennsylvania primary on April 24 to become the Democratic nominee for his longtime seat in the state House of Representatives. The same day, he was sentenced to prison, making him a felon ineligible to hold state office unless he wins on appeal. **REUTERS**



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Did Obama offer '08 hush money?

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President Barack Obama tried to "bribe" radical pastor Rev. Jeremiah Wright into silence during the 2008 campaign, according to a report given to the New York Post.

Based on the forthcoming book "The Amateur" by former journalist Edward Klein, the story claims that the fledgling Obama organization offered Wright \$150,000 to keep his mouth shut at the height of the contentious 2008 campaign. "I wish you wouldn't speak," Wright quotes Obama as saying during a private meeting in Chicago. "It's gonna hurt the campaign if you do that."

Excerpted directly from

Klein's book, the exchange gets even more damning:

"Barack said, 'I'm sorry you don't see it the way I do. Do you know what your problem is?' And I said, 'No, what's my problem?' And he said, 'You have to tell the truth.'"

The Klein account paints Obama as a liar, and Wright as an inveterate truth teller, but there's another person in this account who needn't always tell the truth, and that's Klein. The media have described Klein's work as "contrived and stretched," "devoid of credibility," "poorly thought, poorly sourced" and "too good to be true in every particular."

Nor is "The Amateur" Klein's first book about the historic president. His last, called "The Obama Identity: A Novel



► Former journalist Ed Klein (with help from Rev. Jeremiah Wright, pictured) paints a portrait of Obama as a calculating liar — and worse, one who ultimately believes the controversial teachings from which he nearly failed to distance himself in 2008.

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(Or Is It?) [Editor's note: It is], details a conspiracy to prop up the president and claims that Obama: is a Muslim; was born in Kenya; was funded by our enemies; plans to add his face to Mount Rushmore.

Obama's handling of his former pastor always struck us as disingenuous in the name of political expedience, and this incident may yet be worth looking into. But there's reason to take Klein's reporting with more than just a grain of salt.

We've got something else to add to the laundry list of media Klein complaints: "Financially self-interested." Trying to sell books is certainly no crime, but selling fiction as fact definitely blurs the lines.

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"Call me cynical, but I didn't think [President Barack Obama's] views on marriage could get any gayer."

REPUBLICAN SEN. RAND PAUL, SON OF REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE REP. RON PAUL, AT A FRIDAY MEETING OF THE FAITH AND FREEDOM COALITION, A CHRISTIAN CONSERVATIVE FUNDRAISING ORGANIZATION. HERE PAUL EQUATES THE PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL APPROVAL OF SAME-SEX EQUALITY WITH A HATEFUL SCHOOLYARD EPITHET, AS IF ONE MUST BE GAY IN ORDER TO STAND FOR EQUAL RIGHTS.

Secret GOP gay memo

NEW YORK. Bloomberg on Friday published a secret memo from a top Republican pollster on the rapidly changing environment over same-sex equality, urging Republicans to back off the issue, change tactics and move on.

The memo notes the "accelerated rate" of approval on equality, clarifying that this progress "is taking place among all partisan groups." Pollster Jan van Lohuizen encourages right-leaning legislators to adjust and soften their talking points as the tide of history turns.

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Key senator calls for top bomb maker to be killed

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▶ A bomb obtained in a recent intelligence operation appeared to be an upgraded version of the so-called "underwear bomb" shown above.

Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula is the top security threat to the United States, and the bomb maker thought to have created at least two non-metallic explosive devices must be killed to safeguard U.S. national security, a top senator said yesterday.

"I am hopeful that we will be able to, candidly, kill this bomb maker and kill some of these other associates, because there is a dangerous process in play at the present time," Senator Dianne Feinstein, chairwoman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence,

told "Fox News Sunday."

The bombs, intended to be smuggled aboard an aircraft undetected and then detonated, bear the forensic signature of suspected al Qaeda bomb maker Ibrahim Hassan al-Asiri, who is believed to be hiding in Yemen. **REUTERS**

Senior aide in Yemen to boost anti-terror fight

A senior aide to President Barack Obama flew to Yemen yesterday to meet the leader of a country battling with al Qaeda insurgents that Washington believes has also targeted the United States, U.S. and Yemeni officials said.

The visit by John Brennan, Obama's counterterrorism adviser, comes as Yemen is on a new offensive against Islamist rebels and after Washington said it had foiled an airliner bomb plot linked to al Qaeda's Yemen-based affiliate.

Washington has stepped up its drone attacks in Yemen since President Abd-Rabbu Mansour Hadi took office in February. **REUTERS**



News in brief

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Yahoo boss quits after scandal of false degree claim

NEW YORK. Yahoo Inc. Chief Executive Scott Thompson is stepping down after a controversy over a fake computer science college degree on his biography, the third CEO to leave the company in three years, according to a source familiar with the situation.

The move is a victory for hedge fund manager Daniel Loeb of Third Point LLC, which is Yahoo's largest outside shareholder and brought the discrepancy in Thompson's educational

background to light.

Thompson's interim replacement, effective immediately, will be Yahoo's global media head Ross Levsohn, the source said.

REUTERS

Body parts of 49 people found on Mexican highway

MEXICO. Suspected drug gang killers dumped the headless bodies of 49 people on a highway near Mexico's northern city of Monterrey in one of the country's worst atrocities in recent years.

The mutilated corpses of 43 men and six women, whose hands and feet had also been cut off, were found in a pile on a highway in the municipality of Cadereyta Jimenez in the early hours of yesterday, officials from the state of Nuevo Leon said.

Police said the murders looked like the fallout of an escalating battle between warring drug gangs. **REUTERS**

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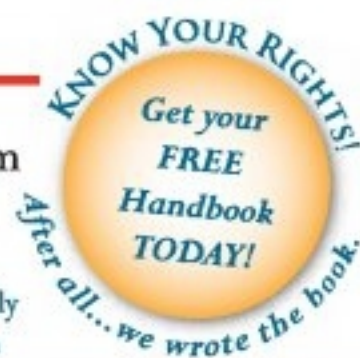
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Travolta accusations piling up

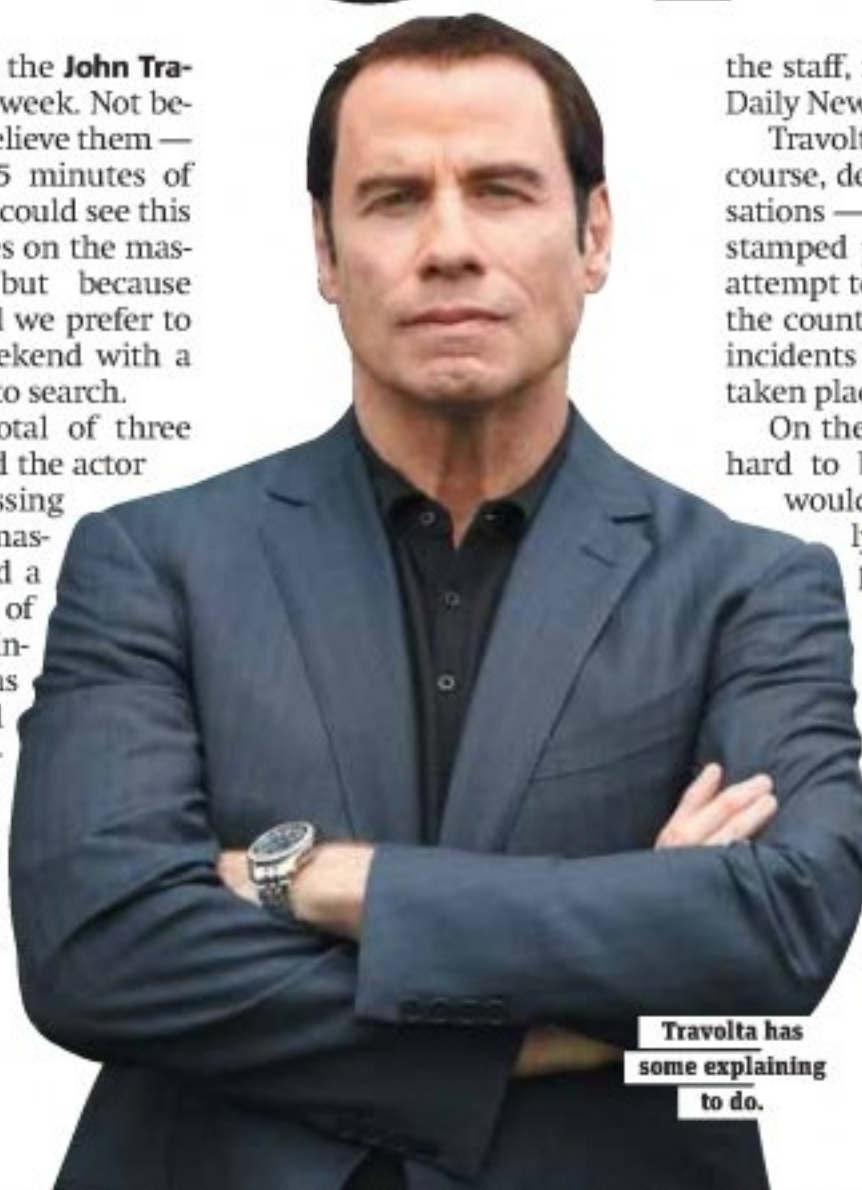
We tried to avoid the **John Travolta** rumors last week. Not because we didn't believe them — if you've seen 15 minutes of "Wild Hogs," you could see this guy breaking rules on the massage table — but because they're gross, and we prefer to ease into the weekend with a **Johnny Depp** photo search.

But now, a total of three men have accused the actor of sexually harassing them during massage sessions, and a former employee of the swanky Peninsula Hotel has come forward claiming that Travolta was banned from the spa after a pattern of "inappropriate behavior" with

the staff, reports the New York Daily News.

Travolta's lawyers are, of course, denying all of the accusations — even providing time-stamped photos to TMZ in an attempt to prove he was across the country when some of the incidents were alleged to have taken place.

On the one hand, we find it hard to believe that Travolta wouldn't quickly and quietly hand over the couple million these guys are asking for if he didn't have the perfect alibi. On the other, we read through the lawsuits, and you can't make up stuff this lonely and pathetic — trust us, we try every day over here.



Travolta has some explaining to do.

Did she earn the Uggs yet?

Rosie Pope, star of Bravo's "Pregnant in Heels," gave birth to a baby girl yesterday. "We are all doing well and so in love with her, as are her older brothers and our extended family," Pope tells Life & Style magazine.

Is it just us, or does the Mother's Day timing seem a little too perfect here? Call us cynical, but at least we didn't put a show called "Pregnant in Heels" on air.

Forgive us, Johnny Depp!

Johnny Depp has been showing up to red carpets solo lately, but he claims that's not because things are over with long-time girlfriend **Vanessa Paradis**. "The rumors are not true. They are absolutely not true," Depp tells the Sun. "No matter what I say about this, people believe the opposite. I can't say enough about it not being over. There's no truth anymore. It doesn't matter what I say to you right now, it doesn't make any difference."

Just what we needed on Monday — a nihilistic Captain Jack. This week just keeps getting darker.



Rosie Pope

The feed ...

► Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Lady Gaga is finding new sources of inspiration, Mandy Moore is feeling a bit anxious, Dominic Monaghan has parenthood on the brain and Sarah Silverman wants a word with a former nerd.

@ladygaga: watched crime documentary last night: woman caught killing rich husband because she used her "reward" card at grocery to buy blood remover. I WANT TO BE HER. you'd think she had more problems than saving 50 cents and driving away in his white LEXUS.

@TheMandyMoore: Trying to remember to relax and take deep breaths today.

@DomsWildThings: Dear future child, ignore me for the most part. I am not an example setter, but we will play so good!! where ARE you right now??!!

@SarahKSilverman: Hey super loud motorcycle man. I don't know who hurt u when u were tiny but ur giving me a heart attack

Talking points

Brand's Twitter account moves on

Russell Brand finally got around to un-following soon-to-be ex-wife **Katy Perry** on Twitter last week, according to Us Weekly. Perry, for her part, un-followed Brand very soon after he filed for

divorce in December, a little more than a year after they'd married. The move brings the number of people Brand follows on Twitter down to a modest 77 — despite his 4.6 million followers.

Sorry, world: Gosling still taken

When **Eva Mendes** showed up solo at last week's Met Gala, she sparked rumors that she'd split



► Hough and Seacrest

with boyfriend **Ryan Gosling**. But fans can rest easy, as the pair are still very much together, according to Hollyscoop. Mendes and Gosling were spotted grabbing coffee and baked goods — and walking hand in hand — around New York City recently.

Marriage on the mind for Seacrest

Ryan Seacrest faked out "American Idol" audiences last week

with what looked like a proposal to girlfriend **Julianne Hough**, instead giving her a note to give to her "Rock of Ages" co-star **Tom Cruise**. But there was apparently some truth behind the gag, as Seacrest admits the pair has had marriage on the brain, according to Life & Style Weekly. "It's something we talk about," he says. When asked if it's something they consider doing soon, he adds: "We talk about that, too."

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A weekend of the arts, culture and Kid Rock

1: This can't end well: **Ben Stiller** spent Saturday filming scenes for his new flick, "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty," in New York City.

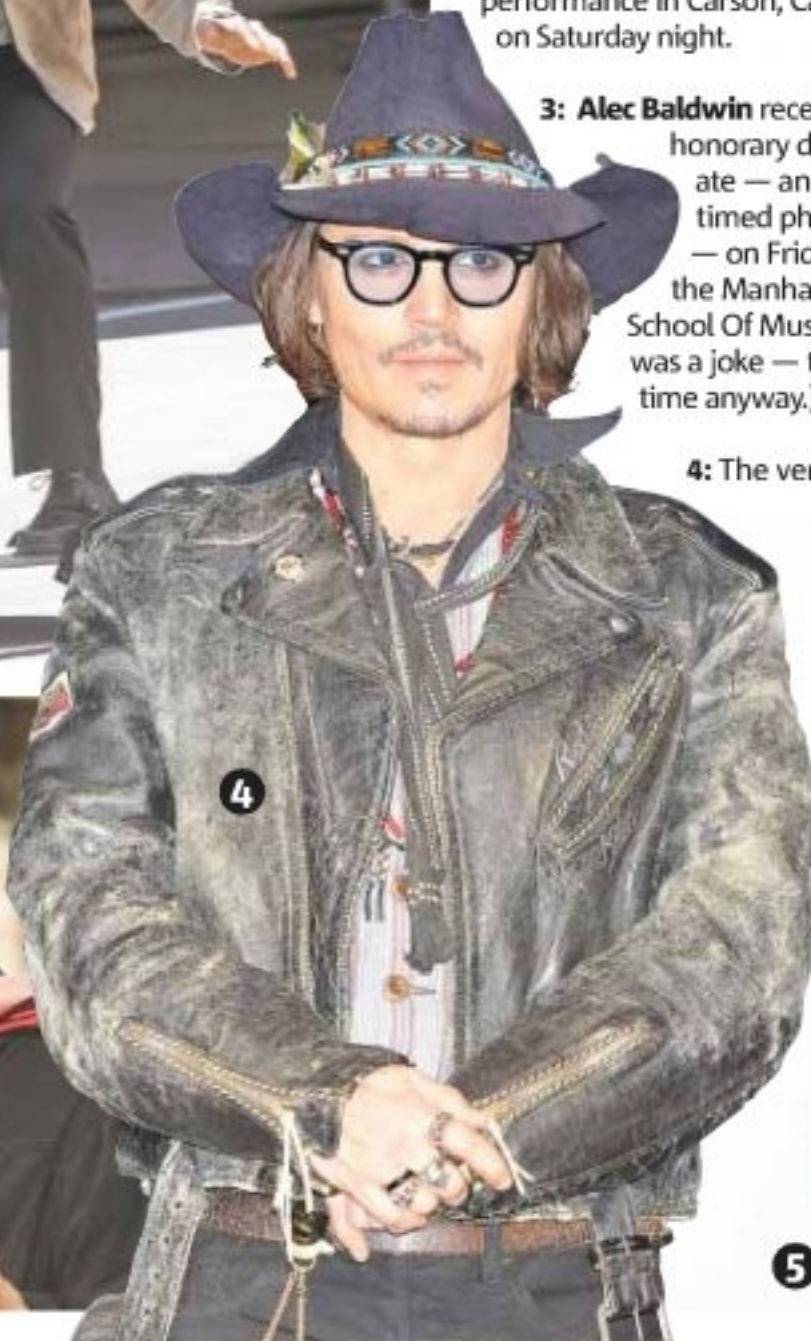
2: **Nicki Minaj** channeled her inner Bondage Barbie for a performance in Carson, Calif., on Saturday night.

3: **Alec Baldwin** received an honorary doctorate — and an ill-timed phone call — on Friday at the Manhattan School Of Music. (It was a joke — this time anyway.)

4: The verdict is



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in on **Johnny Depp's** getup for the "Dark Shadows" press conference in Tokyo over the weekend: We're totally buying it.

5: Just in case you managed to forget it, **James Franco** is very intellectual. The actor was at the Museum of Contemporary Art in L.A. on Saturday for the opening of "Rebel," a multimedia exhibit he helped curate.

6: We're not so sure about the sneakers, but **Mariah Carey** and **Nick Cannon** looked lovely in love at the Project Canvas charity event Friday in New York City.

7: **Kid Rock** cleaned up a bit to perform with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra on Saturday.

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By Damian Wexler, Freelance health reporter

"Sometimes you'll give anything just to make it stop!"... says Dr. Santiago Rodriguez about digestive distress. He ought to know. After all, he's a world-renowned expert on medicinal botany.

"You can see the tortured look on people's faces as they talk about the scorching burn of stomach acid. Or being so constipated you almost pass out from the pain." And there's nothing worse than being "kept prisoner to your bathroom" because of chronic diarrhea.

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'Avengers' rings up \$103 million in record weekend

Blockbuster action movie "The Avengers," about a team of Marvel superheroes, dominated U.S. and Canadian box office charts for a second straight weekend, ringing up a record \$103.2 million, studio estimates released yesterday showed.

"Avengers" became the first film in Hollywood history to top \$100 million of ticket sales in its second weekend. A week ago, the movie from Walt Disney Co.'s Marvel Studios crushed box office records with a \$207.4 million opening.

In second place for the weekend, horror comedy "Dark Shadows" pulled in \$28.8 million. Romantic comedy "Think Like a Man" finished in third place with ticket sales of \$6.3 million.

Warner Bros., a unit of Time Warner Inc., released "Dark Shadows." "Think Like a Man" was distributed by Sony Corp.'s Sony Pictures studio. **REUTERS**



► Thor (Chris Hemsworth), his giant arms, and the other superheroes of "The Avengers" set another box office record.

TV watch list

'How I Met Your Mother'

COMEDY. We finally meet her! Well, Barney's bride, that is. As for the "Mother" — we're not holding our breath. **Season finale, 8 p.m., CBS**



► Barney prepares for his wedding day on the season finale of "How I Met Your Mother."

'Smash'

DRAMA. Tom and Julia race to save the show, while a decision Derek makes may leave Karen and Ivy scrambling to save their careers. **Season finale, 10 p.m., NBC**

'The Bachelorette'

REALITY. One season of televised dating

ROM P. JAFFEL/CBS

embarrassment just wasn't enough for single mom Emily Maynard, who may not have been "Bachelor" Brad Womack's one and only, but definitely has the attention of 25 new guys as she gets to dictate the rose ceremonies this go-round. **9:31 p.m., ABC**

'Inside the Actor's Studio'

TALK. Host James Lipton quizzes the cast of "Mad Men." Question 1: "How the heck am I going to fill an entire hour if you guys refuse to say anything about the new season?" **7 p.m., Bravo**

'Kurt Sutter's Outlaw Empires'

REALITY. From the badass who brought us "Sons of Anarchy" comes this documentary series examining criminal organizations from the point of view of those living above the law. Tonight's episode goes inside the world of the Crips. **Series premiere, 10 p.m., Discovery**

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Howard Stern is ready to judge America

As "Hail to the Chief" boomed over the loudspeakers, Howard Stern took the podium to entertain questions about his new role as a judge on "America's Got Talent," premiering tonight at 8 on NBC.

► Why he took the job in the first place: "I didn't need the money, I didn't need more fame. I just love the show, and I thought, 'Wow, how much fun to do it.' I thought it would be fun and I thought I might be good at it. Because I sit at home watching this thing, and I'm doing commentary to the wall. I sit there, I yell — I figure, well, I might as well get paid for it."

► Why he's a good fit for the show: "I know what's commercially viable. I started out in my career as a program director and I had to pick music. Imagine this: Some guy trusted me to pick the two records that we added every week in order to somehow predict what America, or at least my audience in

that market, would want to hear. So it becomes an intuitive thing. You have to know what real talent is and honesty has to come through. This show is a shortcut; but if you're gonna get on the shortcut, you got a lot of hard work ahead of you. A lot of people think they have talent, a lot of people want to be handed a gift or an opportunity — it doesn't work that way. You've gotta work hard."

► Why he won't lose his edge: "I respect what 'America's Got Talent' is: It is a family show, it is a show that I love. I've been watching it for years. I don't want to come in there and do 'The Howard Stern Show.' I don't want to interrupt the flow of the show. I only want to make it better."

If I go in there and I'm trying to turn it into 'The Howard Stern Show,' it's not gonna work. People are gonna hate it. I would hate that. I don't think I'm losing my edge because I've always been about honesty — whether on the radio, whether

I did a movie, whether I wrote a book — and on 'America's Got Talent' I'm being honest. And as long as you're honest, you don't lose your edge."

► On his fellow "AGT" cast members: "Look, it's been great. Nick Cannon's great. I feel Ryan Seacrest is kinda tired. He doesn't look like he relates to the people. I don't know, he wants to be the next Dick Clark — I got news for him, Dick Clark's not here anymore. And Nick is fabulous. Every time I leave a contestant crying, he picks up the pieces so beautifully. Howie's been wonderful. There's been all kind of things in the press that



► Howard Stern is a judge on the new season of "America's Got Talent," premiering tonight at 8 on NBC.

A Stern stance

► Why he's fed up with today's reality show competitions: "You could watch 'American Idol' [and] throw up. Listen, J.Lo ... if I sit there in a beautiful dress and just tell [the contestants] they're wonderful, they're not gonna get anywhere. It's my job as a judge to make sure that they get to the next level and be honest with them."

Howie and I don't get along — we got along fine. Sharon, I've known for years — and she's terrific, she has a very direct opinion. I think more so than any of the three of us, she is the one who can almost instantly size up talent. She's very, very good at it. I think we represent the best judging panel on television, and I can't wait for America to see it."

► On his critics: "You can't complain about a show until you see it. Some guy sitting in his

basement calling [himself the] Parent Television Council, you know, I think it's a money-raising racket. They're entitled to their opinion; they just sound awfully foolish when they haven't seen the show. And so I invite them to view the show Monday night and see what kind of judge I am. This is a family show. It's a different form of entertainment. I know the rules."

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Manifesting more of what you really want

We are always manifesting. Each thought we have creates an energy flow within and around our physical being. This energy attracts its likeness. So if you're thinking "I suck," then your energy kinda, well, sucks — and you attract sucky experiences.

The opposite occurs when you think high-level thoughts like, "I rock!" When you think and feel "I rock," you exude an

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energy of confidence and in turn attract great experiences into your life. Each thought you have informs your energy, and your energy manifests into your experiences. Your

thoughts and energy create your reality.

Manifestation has become a buzzword lately. Though it's totally awesome that the Law of Attraction is now trendy, it also can be a bit misleading. If you truly want to use your energetic power to manifest greatness, you must follow these three steps.

Get clear. Clarity is king when it comes to manifesting your desires. You must have clear

intentions for what you want to call in — otherwise, you can manifest a lot of what you don't want. Focus on what you desire, and then make a list of all that goes along with it.

Think it, feel it, believe it. Take your clear intention and spend time every day sitting in the feeling of what it is that you desire. You might access the feeling through meditation and visioning exercises, or call on the feeling when you're in nature or doing a form of exer-

cise you love. The more you feel what you desire, the more you believe it is on the way.

Chill! Though you are clear about what you want, you cannot control the timing or the form in which it comes. Stay calm, relax and allow your manifestation to occur naturally.

— Gabrielle Bernstein is the author of "Spirit Junkie."

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► Get clear about your intentions — a little outdoor soul-searching might help.

Yoga pose of the week Child's pose

► Recline back to your heels. Separate your knees about as wide as your hips.

► Exhale and lay your torso down between your thighs. Lengthen your tailbone away from the back of the pelvis while you lift the base of your skull away from the back of your neck.

► Lay your hands on the floor alongside your torso. Release the fronts of your shoulders toward the floor. Hold for 8-10 breaths.

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How to get a food truck business rolling: Keep it simple and expect to work

Last year, author Jennifer Lewis surveyed 539 food truck owners across the country with a simple question: Are you happy that you're doing this? Ninety-seven percent said they wouldn't want to do anything else. But an almost equal number reported that the business is harder than they had expected.

Over the last decade, the mobile food business has exploded across the country. Many in the restaurant industry feel that the prolonged recession combined with a growing interest in gourmet foods has created a perfect petri dish

Quoted

"The food needs to be simple and focused, because the biggest killer in the food truck business is labor. You're making small margins on a truck. You need to be moving volume."

ALAN PHILLIPS, RESTAURATEUR

for the meals-on-wheels fad.

"There were a lot of folks from culinary backgrounds that didn't have the capital to get into restaurants. You also had a lot of folks unemployed, without much hope of getting back into their former careers," explains Lewis, who wrote the 2011 book "Food On Wheels: The Complete Guide to Starting a Food Truck." "On the consumer side, people still wanted access to unique food — but [they] no longer wanted to do \$25 for a plate of whatever."

But has the market become saturated? Perhaps in New York



► Ninety-seven percent of food truck owners report being happy on the job.

City, which now has more mobile food businesses than available permits. But restaurateur Alan Phillips — who recently authored "The Complete Idiot's Guide to Starting a Food Truck Business" — sees plenty of opportunity in other U.S. cities.

"For me, there's no bad restaurant spaces, there's just

\$25K-100K

Estimated seed money required to start a mobile food business. In Philadelphia, permits cost \$750 for a total for two permits, plus a business privilege license.

bad restaurateurs," he says. "Same with food trucks: If you know what you're doing, you're passionate about what you're doing and you can manage your costs, you should be successful."

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What you can do when internships don't lead to jobs

A new study by Millennial Branding and Experience, Inc. shows that only half of employers have hired an intern in the past six months. While 91 percent of employers think that students should participate in an internship before they graduate, the majority of companies surveyed haven't hired interns for full-time positions. This is what we're calling the employment gap, and it's one reason why half of recent graduates are jobless or underemployed. If employers are expecting recent graduates to have internships, then they should hire more of their interns. This is a huge dilemma for students who think that

Advice



DAN SCHAWBEL
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internships turn into jobs. Here's some advice on how they and other young professionals can prepare for the current job market:

► **Work on your soft skills.** Employers view good communication and a positive attitude as important attributes when hiring for entry-level positions. Jennifer Floren, founder and CEO of Experience, Inc.,

says that "employers understand that everything else can be taught, so they look for the most promising raw material to work with." Hard skills, such as knowledge of computer programs, can be easily learned. Soft skills take time to develop.

► **Don't rely on social networks.** Many students think that the best way to find a job is through social networks such as LinkedIn, but our research says differently. We found that only 16 percent of employers recruit via social networks all or most of the time. They mostly use job boards and employee referrals. My recommendation is to use all of your resources to your benefit; what works for

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one person might not work for the next.

► **Develop entrepreneurship ability.** Nearly one-third of employers are looking for entrepreneurship experience when recruiting. Challenge yourself to start a business or a project that will show that you can think outside of the box. We all have to think like entrepreneurs, whether we start companies or not. I define entre-

preneurship as "personal accountability": We have to drive our careers and not rely on anyone else to do it.

— *Dan Schawbel is the founder of Millennial Branding, a Gen-Y research and management consulting company. Subscribe to his updates at Facebook.com/DanSchawbel.*

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News in brief

Temple renews commitment to nontraditional students

Temple University hosted Lawrence Wong, Singapore's minister of state for education and defense, and a delegation from the Ministry of Education for an April 26 session on providing access to higher education for non-traditional students.

Temple representatives stressed the importance of making sure that classes are offered at appropriate times and locations as well as the critical role of providing advisory support. At the same time, both full- and part-



▶ Temple remains a top school for nontraditional students.

time adult students and returning veterans pursue the same degree tracks as traditional students.

"This is in our DNA," said

Rajan Chandran, vice dean of Temple's Fox School of Business, referring to Temple's origin as a night school for working adults. **METRO**

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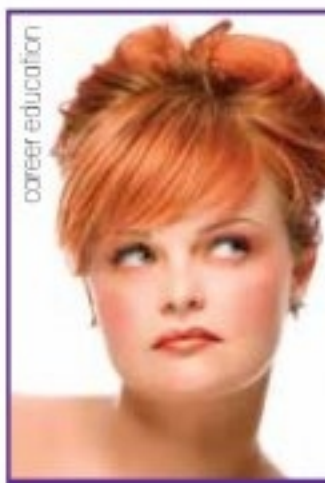
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Letters

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Severe backlash on gay marriage rights

Last week's heated exchanges on same-sex marriage demonstrate that (a) freedom of speech is not dead yet, and (b) the anti-equality crowd is extraordinarily thin-skinned. David Bowman calls it "repulsive," unanimously gets called on it the next day, and we ended with crocodile tears about Christians "under siege" by gays or unrelated issues in the Middle East.

JOSEPH CONNELL, VIA E-MAIL

At 60 years old, I thought that my kids and family, friends, neighbors, acquaintances and my maker would all find that I carry myself well, behave ethically with honor. But alas, all was for naught! I'm totally uncool! I find the LGBT agenda perverted, the liberal left agenda dangerous to my

country, little children and college grads. Church ideologies and our Christian faith are being trampled by the "99 percent." As a veteran of an elite combat unit, 1 percent was a badge of honor. Now it is a vile sign of success?? Where did I go wrong?

JOHN E. BEVAN, MANAYUNK

Does it affect your personal life in any way if two people you don't know get married? The issue is that some Christians try to dictate how others live their lives, even those who don't share their values. If someone else's religion said it was a sin to wear shoes, would you abide by it? No, because that's not your belief system. Live your life as your God teaches you, but please don't concern yourself with the "sins" of others.

ELIZABETH ERLANDSON, VIA E-MAIL

There is one major difference between gay marriage and Christianity. Christianity is legal in every state in the country, and faces no danger of being illegalized. Sure, Mr. Bowman is entitled to his opinion, but while gay men and women are fighting for the right to say "I do," men and women like him are fighting for the right to say "You can't." While I respect his right to express himself, I do not respect his desire to oppress the gay community.

COREY BALBUENA, VIA E-MAIL

Personally, homosexuality feels strange and disgusting. Yet, despite my heterosexual prejudice, and although various religions reserve the right to ban gay activity in their respective congregations, I also know that gay marriage should be civilly legal under a

secular government such as ours: separation of church and state. Zealots, please do your homework concerning Democracy. "One nation under God" refers to the deist God of Thomas Jefferson and Sir Isaac Newton; not Jehovah or Brahma. Laws are therefore to be enacted through reason only.

DANTE G. CELIA, VIA E-MAIL

The only definition of marriage is between a man and a woman; anything else is an knock-off or impersonation of the real thing. Marriage is a religious ordinance that is granted by God, not a government.

JOHN HEMPHILL, VIA E-MAIL

I just can't believe how the media is supporting this gay marriage thing. It is unbelievable! And I am a black female who will not be voting for Obama. Obama has let us down: all Americans. As hard as it may be for me to push a Republican lever, I won't vote for a president who supports same-sex marriage.

NICOLE PEARSALL, VIA E-MAIL

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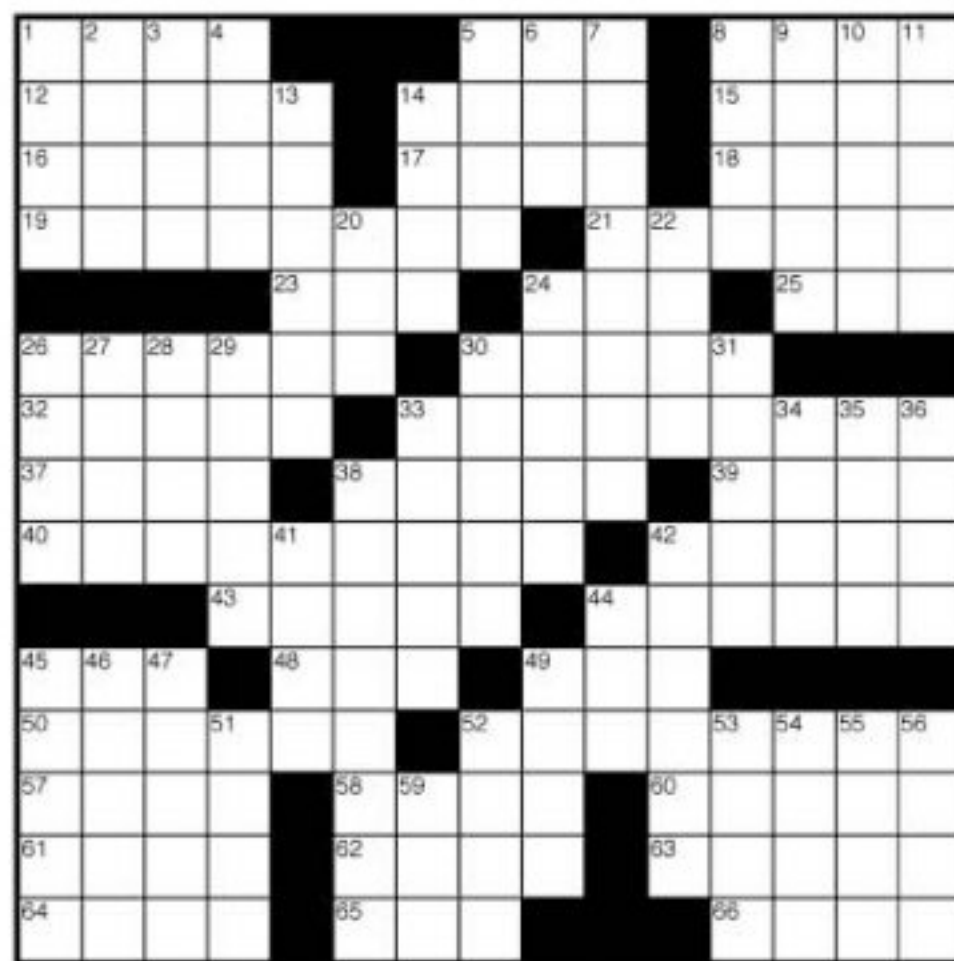
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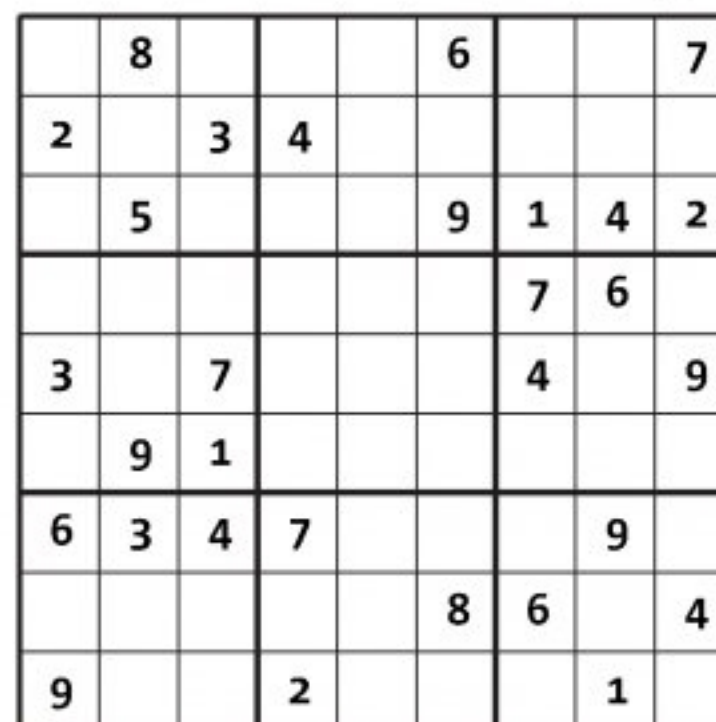
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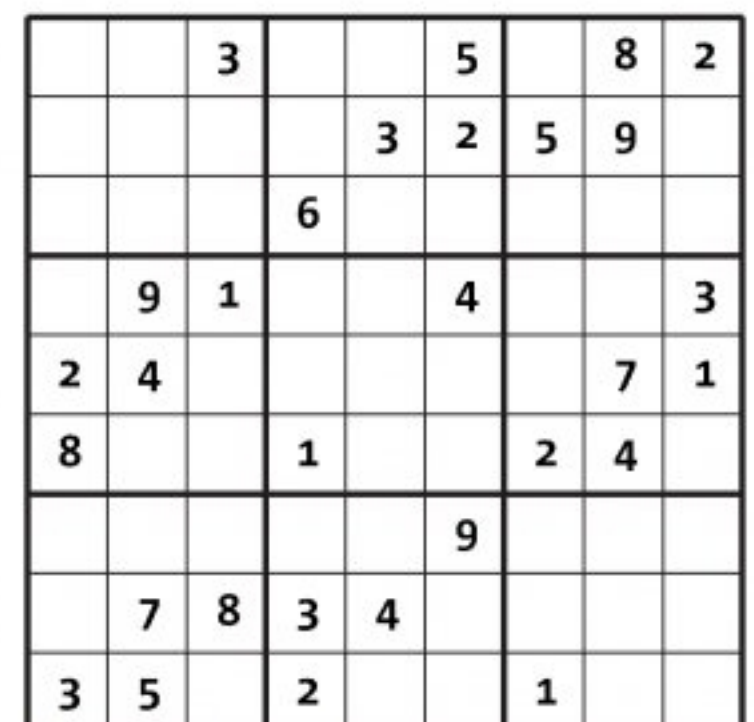
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Game 2: Today, 7 p.m. Game 3: Wednesday, 7 p.m. Game 4: Friday, TBD (Boston leads series, 1-0)

Pressure point: Sixers growing up on the fly

► It's youth against experience in second-round series ► Collins trying to teach his team how to play under pressure, close out quarters ► Boston showed championship mettle in Game 1

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Experience. Growth. Closing out quarters.

Those were the things Doug Collins was preaching the day after his Sixers lost a tight Game 1 to the Celtics.

It was a game a veteran team thrives in. It was also a game that a young one learns from. The Sixers led by eight points with 9:17 to go in the fourth quarter, then watched Boston go on a 20-5 run.

"This Celtics team is a championship team," Collins said. "These guys are [Rajon] Rondo and [Kevin] Garnett and Ray Allen and Paul Pierce, this is the core of a team that has won championships, and a lot of games. And coming down the stretch, they were sharper — and we have to do better."

Collins spent some time in the film room with his team, going over that fourth-quarter lapse. Then, they took to the

Quoted

"You know with Boston, that [Rajon] Rondo is going to have that bump. With us, it could be four different guys. We're a different team."

COACH DOUG COLLINS

practice court. The biggest challenge for them is learning how to play under pressure.

"You can't get that in a film session," Collins said. "You got to get out here on the court, you got to feel the heat, you got to feel the fans, you're on an opposing court ... you got the Celtics, you got the Sixers ... all these things. It's [the experience] invaluable."

The Celtics, meanwhile, took yesterday off. Coach Doc Rivers is trying to keep his dinged-up squad as fresh as possible since the schedule-makers did him no favors. The Sixers and Celtics will play



► The Sixers dropped a close Game 1, 92-91, in Boston over the weekend.

three games in five days.

"I couldn't have prescribed a worse solution for us, at least," Rivers said. "I don't know about Philly, but for us, I was very surprised by that."

Those old legs certainly

didn't look it in Game 1. And the Sixers understand that age doesn't matter. To beat Boston, they need to play smarter.

"We're young. But even though they may be old, they know how to play," Evan Turn-

er said. "They play at their own pace, so you can't really worry about the age or anything, but who's the tougher team."

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What to watch ...

1 FRESH PAINT.

Doug Collins said Kevin Garnett played one of the best games he's ever seen the 35-year-old play in Game 1. Garnett exploded for a season-high 29 points (11 rebounds) and controlled the paint. The Sixers know they can't pound it inside, but they must find a way to disrupt Garnett.

2 ON HOLIDAY.

The Sixers can't win with Jrue Holiday playing like he



did Saturday night. The point guard was just 3-of-13 from the field (eight points) and had no answer defensively for Boston maestro Rajon Rondo.

3 GOING SMALL.

It was Boston's small lineup that fueled its fourth-quarter flurry in Game 1. The Sixers usually thrive when opponents go small, with Thad Young causing matchup problems. However, the versatile forward rolled his ankle and missed the third quarter. Young said he'll be "fine" for Game 2.

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Backfield in motion for Eagles seventh-rounder

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There's an opportunity in the Eagles' backfield.

It's up to Bryce Brown to put in the time and effort to grab it. Brown, a surprising seventh-round pick, will get a chance to compete for the backup job behind LeSean McCoy. Despite a limited college career, coach Andy Reid saw raw talent in Brown. Now, it's up to him to reward the team's trust.

"I just want to help out any way I can, wherever that's at and whatever the coaches call on me to do," Brown said. "If they think I can be a big part of the offense and a part of things, then I'll take on that responsibility. If not, I'll just wait until it's my time and keep working hard."

Brown admitted that the biggest challenge will be learning how to block. Reid spent extra time at yesterday's practice to explain proper spacing. The



► Brown ran a 4.37 in the 40-yard dash at his pro day.

rookie seemed to be an eager and willing student.

"It's good to be able to get what the coaches are telling you and apply it to the field. Paying attention to details is

big out here."

The Eagles will wrap up their three-day rookie minicamp today in South Philadelphia. Full-team OTAs are scheduled to begin May 22. **METRO**

Beef it up

Speaking of LeSean McCoy, the Eagles starting RB got a special Mother's Day message yesterday.



Giants DE Osi Umenyiora took to Twitter to renew his beef with McCoy, writing: "Happy Mothers Day LeSean McCoy! Enjoy your special day!!"

McCoy tweeted back, "Lol let the beef begin."

McCoy called Umenyiora "overrated" last year. Umenyiora responded by calling him "Lady Gaga."

MLB. Phillies 3, Padres 2



► Cole Hamels earned his fifth win yesterday.

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King Cole delivers again

Cole Hamels improved to 5-1 this season after holding the Padres to one run on five hits in a 3-2 victory on Mother's Day. Jimmy Rollins put the Phillies up 1-0 after a first-inning home run. Juan Pierre and Brian Schneider knocked in the other two runs. The Phils are six games out of first place.

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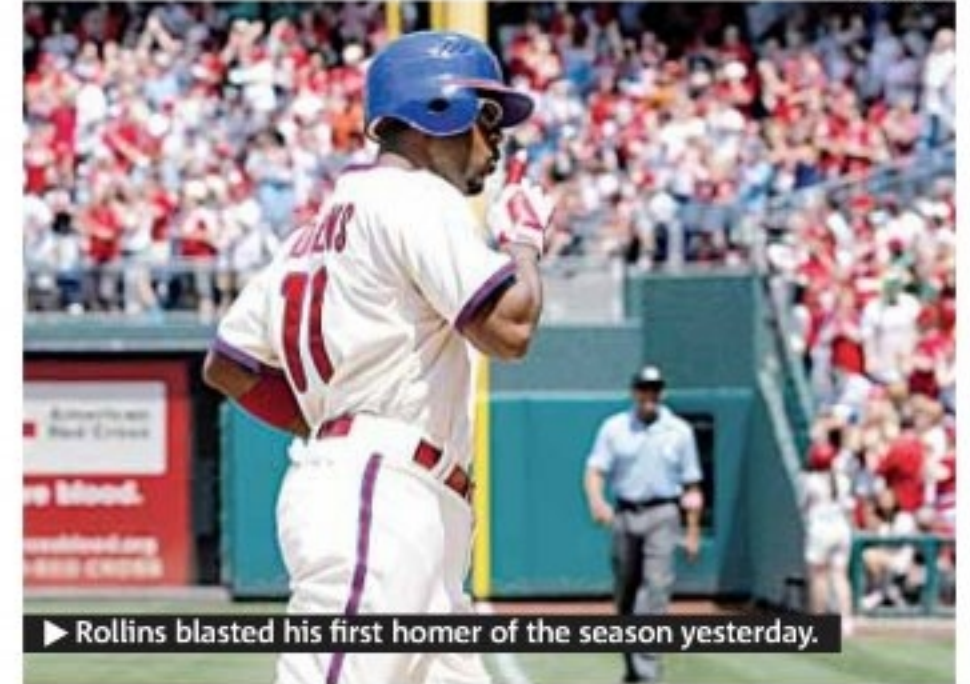
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Rollins busts slump, still no panic creeping in Phillies clubhouse

Jimmy Rollins blasted his first home run of the season. It took the Phillies' unofficial leader 135 at-bats, but he finally drifted one out over the outfield fence yesterday in the first inning. It was the 38th lead-off homer of his major-league career.

Rollins didn't want to go into too much detail about his blast, but he was quick to explain that this Phillies team is far from out of it. Skipper Charlie Manuel felt the need to call an impromptu team meeting last week. Since then, the Phils are 2-1 and the offense has produced 10 runs in those two victories.

"There's no sense of panic," Rollins said. "With the pitching staff we have, we'll hit the ball. We'll get big hits. We might not score 10 or 12 runs,



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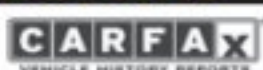
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Sexless Corvette GS needs a hot Ferrari makeover

► \$72,000 Grand Sport isn't as sexy as Ferrari 458 Italia, and technology is miles away ► Yet on race track, it's purebred ► Bloomberg editor looks at pros, cons and the future of this Chevy

The Corvette exists to dominate. It's a Ferrari for the 99 percent.

The 2013 Corvette will be this generation's last gasp. Right now, somewhere deep inside of General Motors headquarters, engineers and designers are working on the all-new 2014 model, the C7. Consider this a mash note, and a plea. The Corvette is America's supercar, and it deserves respect — if we can fix some things.

Take a page from Porsche
Only Apple and Ferrari can

match it when it comes to whetting consumer appetites with products doled out on a strict schedule. The new generation of the Porsche 911 was recently released, and right now customers can buy models like the base or S model in the new body style.

Chevy has intermittently offered powerful ZR1 models through the years, but its efforts seem offhand. Can we expect one in the C7 generation? We should get a steady feed of special Corvettes on a staggered timeline. Then cus-



► The Grand Sport needs a grand makeover, but its most important feature is speed.

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tomers can budget accordingly. It'll bring a whiff of anticipation and lust.

Kill the plastic

If sexiness needed a place to crawl into and die, it would choose the Corvette's interior. Everybody knows it, so why is it taking GM so long to fix the problem? Buttons to unlock the doors and trunk seem like they were torn off a kid's toy. The rest is painfully ugly. The seats are hard to adjust, aren't that comfortable and don't keep you in place while cornering. A terrible trifecta.

While we're at it, take a look

Sex it up

The exterior isn't as unfortunate as some previous generations, like the unsightly bulges on those 1970s models. Still, the hood and side vents, blunt edges and blank grill could use a serious update.

The SRT Viper concept car, recently shown at the New York auto show, was a successful mix of aggressive swagger and smart refinement. So take a design cue from Chrysler. (Did I really just say that?)

at the Ferrari 458's navigation and information systems. The Italians used to be terrible at this kind of thing, but the 458's digital speedometer and information screens are easy to read and use.

Leave it alone

Don't quell its untamable spirit. Everyone from BMW to Bentley is offering downsized motors. Yet the bellow from the Corvette's V-8 should be federally protected like a national monument.

Keep on doing what you're doing, Corvette. Just do it a bit better. **BLOOMBERG**

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Tesla to begin repaying federal loans this year

► First startup to fulfill requirements of criticized program touts its own success, more to come ► Rebuilt Calif. factory with government money

Tesla Motors, the electric car company led by Elon Musk, is using the last of its \$465 million in U.S. loans and plans to start repaying them by the end of the year, the first startup to fulfill requirements of the criticized program.

The maker of Roadster sports cars had \$104.5 million left as of March 31 of the Energy Department loans awarded in June 2009, Tesla said in a regulatory filing. The remaining funds will be used by the third quarter, with repayments to begin in December, Tesla CFO Deepak Ahuja said.

"We are delivering on the milestones, what we've committed to," Ahuja said Friday. "Once we are delivering cus-

tomers cars, then that signifies completion of the project."

Tesla said last week the first battery-powered Model S sedans will be delivered in June, ahead of its initial July release date. That's an early success among the Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing loans the Obama administration awarded in 2009 to Tesla, Fisker Automotive Inc., Ford Motor Co. and Nissan Motor Co. to spur jobs and a market for autos using little or no gasoline.

"We are pleased that Tesla continues to make progress and look forward to working with them as clean, electric vehicles play an important role in our energy future," Damien



► Musk's company is making good on its government loans.

Crony capitalism?

The so-called ATVM program, as well as Energy Department loans to failed solar panel maker Solyndra, have been criticized as wasteful by Republicans in Congress.

Tesla used its loans to renovate and equip a factory in Fremont, Calif., that shut down in early 2010 after serving as a joint-venture plant for Toyota and the former General Motors. Federal funds also were used for battery and electric motor assembly lines.

LaVera, an Energy Department spokesman, said.

Tesla's government-funded factory had 600 workers in April, and will employ between 1,200 and 1,500 people by year end. Tesla also supplies battery packs and electric-vehicle motors for Toyota and Daimler AG, which are also investors in the company. Tesla this week disclosed a new supply agreement with Daimler for a vehicle due by 2014.

Fisker, based in Anaheim, Calif., said in February the Energy Department blocked access to some of its \$529 million loans last year for failing to meet milestones including delivering Karma plug-in sedans on time. **BLOOMBERG**

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